

UNCLASSIFIED

WW17

CONFIDENTIAL

RELEASED IN FULL

PAGE 01 STATE 167690 230209Z
ORIGIN AF-01

INFO	LOG-00	AID-01	AMAD-01	CIAE-00	OASY-00	DOEE-00	EUR-01
	H-01	TEDE-00	INR-00	IO-16	JUSE-00	L-01	ADS-00
	NSAE-00	NSCE-00	OIC-02	OMB-01	PA-01	PM-00	PRS-01
	P-01	SNP-00	SP-00	TRSE-00	T-00	USIE-00	PMB-00
	DRL-09	G-01	/038R				

DRAFTED BY: AF/C: KCAISTON
APPROVED BY: AF/C: RJFENDRICK
AF/E: CAWILSON
PM/ISP: RCARTY
IO/PHO: DEJENSEN

-----54EE40 230210Z /38

O R 230206Z JUN 94
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY KAMPALA IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY ACCRA
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA
AMEMBASSY DAKAR
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
AMEMBASSY PARIS
CJCS WASHDC
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE
SECDEF WASHDC 0000

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 167690 230209Z
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK
AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 167690

YAOUNDE FOR DATT

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PREL MOPS MARR UG RW
SUBJECT: UGANDAN HELP WITH APC'S; RPF HOSTILE ATTITUDE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

REF: USUN 02575

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST. THE UN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FRENCH-LED HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION IN RWANDA SEEMS TO HAVE HARDENED THE RPF ATTITUDE TOWARD UNAMIR AND POSSIBLY TOWARD AMERICANS AND NATIONALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES THAT SUPPORTED THE FRENCH INITIATIVE. POST SHOULD APPROACH THE GOU AND ASK THEM TO URGE THE RPF TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH UNAMIR, INCLUDING ALLOWING APC SHIPMENTS FROM UGANDA INTO RWANDA, AND TO NOT ALLOW RPF TROOPS TO HARASS OR IN ANY WAY THREATEN OR ENDANGER UNAMIR PERSONNEL, AMCITS, OR OTHER FOREIGN NATIONALS. POST SHOULD MAKE SAME POINTS TO LOCAL RPF REPS. SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTS FOLLOW. END SUMMARY

RPF OBSTRUCTION OF SHIPMENTS/APC'S

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 167690 230209Z

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE PAST FEW DAYS, THE RPF HAS BEEN HOLDING UP SHIPMENTS TO UNAMIR AND REPORTEDLY BLOCKED ENTRY INTO RWANDA OF UN APC'S TRANSFERRED FROM SOMALIA. THESE ACTIONS ARE IN APPARENT PROTEST TO THE FRENCH INITIATIVE TO INTERVENE IN RWANDA. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE RECENT REPORTS THAT THE RPF IS NOW LETTING SHIPMENTS THROUGH AND THAT SOME APC'S HAVE MADE IT INTO RWANDA, WE REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT THE RPF'S OBSTRUCTION OF SUCH SHIPMENTS. WITH U.S.-LEASED APC'S EXPECTED TO BEGIN ARRIVING ON JUNE 23, WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE DELIVERY OF THE 50 U.S. APC'S HELD UP.

4. POST SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS REMAINS A PROBLEM. POST SHOULD ALSO APPROACH THE GOU TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN AND TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF THE GOU IN PERSUADING THE RPF TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH UNAMIR AND TO ALLOW FREE AND UNHINDERED TRANSIT OF THE APC'S AND OTHER UN EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES THROUGH RPF-HELD AREAS.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOU WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE THE APC'S REMAIN FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME IN UGANDA. HOWEVER, IF THE RPF BLOCKS FURTHER APC SHIPMENTS, SOME U.S.-LEASED APC'S MAY BE REQUIRED TO STAY ON THE GROUND IN UGANDA LONGER THAN EXPECTED. POST SHOULD ALERT THE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

GOU TO THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM AND ASK THEM TO BE
ACCOMMODATING, SHOULD UNEXPECTED DELAYS IN ONWARD
DELIVERY OCCUR.

DEMAND FOR UNAMIR WITHDRAWAL/HARASSMENT OF AMCITS

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 STATE 167690 230209Z

6. REFTTEL REPORTS TEXT OF AN RPF LETTER CALLING FOR
WITHDRAWAL OF UNAMIR IF THE SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVES THE
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FRENCH-LED INTERVENTION. WE
UNDERSTAND THAT 40 OR SO FRANCOPHONE UNAMIR PERSONNEL
HAVE ALREADY BEEN WITHDRAWN TO UGANDA AS A PRECAUTION
AGAINST RPF RETALIATION. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT IS IN
THE RPF'S INTEREST TO SEE UNAMIR PULL OUT AS THE FRENCH
ARE COMING INTO RWANDA. UNAMIR HAS OFFERED IMPORTANT
PROTECTION TO RWANDAN CIVILIANS, AND THE PLANNED
ADDITIONAL UNAMIR CONTINGENTS CAN GREATLY EXPAND THAT
PROTECTION AND REPLACE THE FRENCH OPERATION THAT THE RPF
FINDS OBJECTIONABLE. POST SHOULD SHARE THIS ANALYSIS
WITH THE GOU AND ASK THEM TO URGE THE RPF TO WITHDRAW
THEIR CALL FOR A UNAMIR PULL-OUT AND INSTEAD TO COOPERATE
FULLY WITH ALL UNAMIR FORCES AND PERSONNEL.

7. AMCIT DAVID VIOLET, AN INTERPRETER FOR UNAMIR IN
KIGALI, TOLD AF/C BY PHONE THAT HE IS VERY CONCERNED FOR
HIS SAFETY BECAUSE THE RPF IS VERY ANGRY OVER AMERICAN
SUPPORT FOR FRENCH INITIATIVE, AND PARTICULARLY OVER OUR
VOTE IN FAVOR OF UNSC RESOLUTION 929 ON JUNE 22. VIOLET
SAID THAT ON JUNE 22, 4 AMCITS ATTEMPTING TO ENTER RWANDA
FROM UGANDA AT THE KAGITUMBA BORDER CROSSING WERE TURNED
BACK BY THE RPF AND WERE TREATED "VERY RUDELY, VERY
BADLY" BY THE RPF. VIOLET OBTAINED THIS INFORMATION FROM
UNAMIR PERSONNEL WHO WITNESSED THE INCIDENT AND WHO HAVE
NOW RETURNED TO UNAMIR COMPOUND IN KIGALI. THE FOUR
AMCITS INVOLVED WERE IDENTIFIED BY VIOLET AS JERRY
FLANNERY, KENT STAPLETON, WAYNE LUCAS AND ELAINE
WILLIAMS. VIOLET SAID THAT WILLIAMS WORKS FOR UNOSOM;
THE OTHER THREE ARE EMPLOYEES OF AID CONTRACTOR BROWN AND
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 05 STATE 167690 230209Z

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

ROOT. VIOLET SAID THAT THE FOUR AMCITS WERE NOT PHYSICALLY HARMED BY THE RPF AND HAVE NOW RETURNED TO UGANDA. POST SHOULD SHARE THIS ACCOUNT WITH THE GOU AND ASK THEM TO URGE THE RPF TO CEASE ANY INTIMIDATION OR HARASSMENT OF AMERICANS OR OTHER EXPATRIATES.

8. POST SHOULD RAISE ALL OF THESE SAME ISSUES WITH THE LOCAL RPF REPS AND INSIST ON FULL COOPERATION WITH UNAMIR, FREE FLOW OF UNAMIR SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT, IN PARTICULAR APC'S, AND AN IMMEDIATE END TO ANY HARASSMENT OR THREATENING BEHAVIOR TOWARD AMERICANS OR OTHER AMCITS. AF WILL CALL RPF LEADERSHIP DIRECTLY TO MAKE THESE SAME POINTS.

9. BUJUMBURA - MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
CHRISTOPHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNNN

UNCLASSIFIED